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SUBJECT: MILAN SOCIALIST MAYOR ON JUNE 20 ELECTIONS

REF MILAN'S 1317

1. DURING MEETING JULY 5 WITH MILAN'S NEW SOCIALIST
MAYOR CARLO TOGNOLI, HE TOLD EXEC OFF WRIGHT AND MYSELF
HIS ESTIMATE OF POLITICAL SITUATION. TOGNOLI, AS
REPORTED REFTEL IS MEMBER OF AUTONOMIST WING PSI. HIS
PERFORMANCE AND CONTACTS WE HAVE HAD WITH HIM SO FAR
LEAVE IMPRESSION OF A MODEST BUT TOUGH AND KNOWLEDGEABLE
MAN WHO IS STRAIGHT FORWARD AND VERY FRIENDLY TO US.

2. ELECTIONS HAD NOT HELPED, TOGNOLI SAID. DC
HAD GAINED BUT LESS POWERFUL THAN IN PREVIOUS PARLIAMENT
BECAUSE OF COMMUNIST GAINS AND MINOR PARTY LOSSES.
SOCIALISTS WERE COMMITTED, AND HAD MADE CLEAR DURING
CAMPAIGN, TO REFUSE ALLIANCE WITH DC UNLESS PCI IN-
CLUDED. THUS, THERE NO PRESENT POSSIBILITY OF A
DC-PSI MAJORITY. NOR COULD PSI DO ANOTHER POLICY
FLIP-FLOP WITHOUT FURTHER DIMINISHING VOTER
CREDIBILITY.

3. TOGNOLI SAID PSI CAMPAIGN PLATFORM HAD BEEN
WRONG. PSI HAD SUBORDINATED ITSELF TO PCI APPROVAL
AND THIS WAS AN ERROR. PSI SHOULD HAVE TAKEN
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POSITION THAT IT WAS NOT ANTI-COMMUNIST PER SE BUT

NEITHER WAS IT BOUND TO THE COMMUNISTS. THE PSI SHOULD HAVE PUT FORWARD A PLATFORM OF ITS OWN. IF THE PCI SUPPORTED IT, WELL AND GOOD. IF NOT, EQUALLY WELL AND GOOD. TOGNOLI WAS ALSO CONTRARY TO THE PSI DECISION TO ABANDON ITS CLAIM TO PRESIDENCY OF THE CHAMBER. HE SAW NO REASON TO HAND THAT TO THE COMMUNISTS. IF THE PSI HAD INSISTED ON FIELDING A CANDIDATE, THE COMMUNISTS WOULD HAVE HAD EITHER TO SUPPORT HIM (AND THEREFORE ABANDON THEIR OWN CLAIM) OR MAKE A DEAL WITH THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AT THE EXPENSE OF THE SOCIALISTS. ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, THE COMMUNISTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN FORCED TO PAY THE POLITICAL PRICE. INSTEAD, THE PSI HAD HANDED THEM A MAJOR CONCESSION COST FREE.

4. THERE WAS, OF COURSE, THE RISK THAT BY THE PSI REFUSING TO COME TO TERMS WITH THE DC, THE DC WOULD MAKE A DEAL WITH THE COMMUNISTS. HE DIDN'T SEE HOW TO AVOID THAT RISK BECAUSE THE PSI COULDN'T REVERSE ITSELF SO ABRUPTLY. IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT AFTER IT HAD BEEN SHOWN THAT NO GOVERNMENT COULD BE FORMED EXCEPT AS A RESULT OF A DC-PSI BARGAIN, THE PSI COULD CHANGE ITS ELECTION POSITION. BUT THAT WOULD TAKE TIME.

5. AT BEST HE THOUGHT THAT THE COMMUNISTS MIGHT EVENTUALLY SETTLE FOR BENEVOLENT OPPOSITION TO A GOVERNMENT INCLUDING THE SOCIALISTS--PRETTY MUCH THE FORMULA OF THE PAST FEW YEARS.

6. NEW ELECTIONS WERE POSSIBLE BUT NOT IMMINENT. THE PROCESS OF SEATING THE PARLIAMENT AND TRYING OUT VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL COMBINATIONS HAD TO BE WORKED THROUGH.

7. TOGNOLI DID NOT THINK A NEW DEMOCRATIC CENTER PARTY TO BE VERY LIKELY. THE VOTERS HAD HAD THE CHOICE OF THREE DIFFERENT FLAVORS OF DEMOCRATIC CENTER PARTY AND NONE HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL.

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8. TOGNOLI WILL BE HEADING A MILAN DELEGATION TO THE US ACCOMPANYING LA SCALA IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. HE WISHES TO TAKE OCCASION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT U.S. AND SEE HOW U.S. CITIES ARE HANDLING THEIR PROBLEMS. SEPTTEL DETAILS PRESENT PLANS, REQUESTS DEPT FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE AND RECOMMENDS DEPT OFFICIALS MEET WITH TOGNOLI TO DISCUSS POLITICAL SITUATION.FINA

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